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TOPIC Military Information from the Templin Training Area

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1. Two soldiers of the guard detachment in the Templin (N 54/U 51) training area called on a friend February 1952 and said that their unit consisted of personnel from Oranienburg and Prenzlau. The two soldiers came from Prenzlau. One of the two had been with the guard detachment for about four weeks, and had been detached from a unit with numerical designation 83. The second soldier claimed to have arrived on the preceding day, and had been detached from a unit with numerical designation 120. Source had never heard of unit No 120 in Prenzlau. However, during the 1951 training period, there might have been a unit with that numerical designation in the western portion of the troop camp, where the artillery pieces used to be parked.

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2. Except for some firing practice with AT guns and tanks, the Templin training area was quiet up to 9 February. About 40 soldiers with four tanks from Prenzlau were in the training area for firing practice on 7 February.

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3. No troop units were stationed at the Templin troop training grounds up to 16 February. A bus, usually occupied by officers, was seen leaving the camp for Oranienburg every other day. Truck carrying 1 officer and 25 men was seen driving toward the camp on 16 February. *

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* Comment. The report indicates that record firing by small units was held at the Templin troop training grounds up to 16 February 1952, as was also reported during the preceding months. Paragraph 1 of the present report confirms the 83d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 25th Tank Div in Prenzlau up to 3 February 1952. Although the unit with numerical designation 120 is unknown, it might be the unidentified mortar regiment of the 25th Tank Div or the unidentified AT artillery unit which is believed to be stationed in Prenzlau.

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